

## MINUTES

**BURLINGTON - GRAHAM METROPOLIAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE  
TUESDAY, MAY 18, 2021  
VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS  
9 AM**

### MEMBERS PRESENT

Nishith Trivedi, Orange County (Chair)  
Mike Nunn, Burlington  
Pam DeSoto, Elon  
Nolan Kirkman, Burlington  
Ben York, Alamance  
Tonya Caddle, Alamance County  
Cy Stober, Mebane  
Preston Mitchell, Mebane  
Peter Murphy, ACTA  
John Andoh, Link Transit  
Mark Kirstner, PART  
Dan Danieleley, Regional Airport  
Bonnie Guo, GoTriangle  
Ashley Ownbey, Mebane

### BGMPO STAFF PRESENT

Wannetta Mallette  
Blake Cashmore

### NCDOT STAFF PRESENT

Wright Archer, NCDOT Division 7  
Tamara Njegovan, NCDOT Division 7  
Stephen Robinson, NCDOT Division 7  
Daryl Vreeland, TPD  
Andy Bailey, TPD  
Richard Virgo, TPD

### FHWA STAFF PRESENT

Suzette Morales

### Call to Order

Chair Nish Trivedi called the May 18, 2021 TCC meeting to order at 9:07 a.m and welcomed all members and guests. Mr. Peter Murphy, Mr. Wright Archer and Mr. John Andoh were introduced as new members of the TCC. No changes were made to the agenda. Chair Trivedi then asked if there were any speakers from the floor. There were no speakers from the floor and no public comments were made.

Chair Trivedi presented the draft agenda for adoption and requested a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Pam DeSoto made the motion to approve the agenda and Mr. Cy Stober

seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote. Ms. Wannetta Mallette conducted the membership roll call and established a quorum.

### **Approval of March 16, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

Chair Trivedi asked for any comments or questions on the March 16, 2021 TCC meeting minutes. No comments or questions were made. Chair Trivedi requested a motion to approve the March 16, 2021 TCC meeting minutes. Mr. Mike Nunn made the motion to approve the meeting minutes and Ms. Pam DeSoto seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

### **Haggard Avenue Corridor Plan - Phase I**

Ms. Pam DeSoto presented Phase I of the Haggard Avenue Corridor Plan. Haggard Avenue was identified as a priority area in the Town of Elon's Comprehensive Plan in 2019. The project was funded by a \$40,000 Special Studies grant through the Burlington-Graham MPO Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and a \$10,000 local match by the Town of Elon. The town selected SEPI, Incorporated (SEPI) to conduct the study. Ms. DeSoto identified the need for the Haggard Avenue Phase I Study and described the project study area and purpose. Elon conducted the study to develop an improved roadway design in hopes of reducing the number of pedestrian, bicycle and vehicle conflicts. SEPI identified two character areas – Campus Scale and Suburban Highway – which influenced plan recommendations and schematic designs. The schematic (conceptual) design recommendations included a median for most of the corridor, realignment of N. Oak Avenue, and the addition of roundabouts where appropriate. Ms. DeSoto also highlighted a potential framework for a Corridor Overlay District created by SEPI that would guide development along Haggard Avenue. Ms. DeSoto closed her presentation stating the town's Board approved the Phase I study and proceeding with the development of the Phase II and III studies.

Mr. Stober asked if SEPI evaluated the safety performance of a roundabout vs. a traditional intersection. Ms. DeSoto responded no, but an evaluation can be considered during the next study phases. Mr. Stober then asked if SEPI conducted an analysis of existing setbacks and their impact on pedestrian and bike safety along the corridor. Ms. DeSoto said SEPI compared existing setbacks against Complete Street recommendations. Ms. Tonya Caddle expressed support and the timeliness of the project in response to the increase in traffic.

### **Lowe's Boulevard Corridor Plan**

Mr. Stober provided an overview of the Lowe's Boulevard Corridor Plan and introduced Ms. Ashley Ownbey as the Project Manager. Ms. Ownbey said the study was conducted by Ramey Kemp & Associates. The extension of Lowe's Boulevard is identified in both the Mebane Comprehensive Transportation Plan and the BGMPO 2045 Metropolitan

Transportation Plan. Ms. Ownbey described the project study area and purpose, which is to reduce congestion—particularly at the Trollingwood-Hawfields Road and NC 119 intersection. Ms. Ownbey said the City of Mebane expects considerable growth and development pressure within the project area as NC Commerce Park continues to expand. Public engagement began in December 2020 and included mailings to owners and tenants, announcements at city meetings, and social media posts. All public engagement efforts were completed in accordance with Title VI guidance. Conceptual designs were developed and presented to the public and planning board. In early March, the Mebane City Council unanimously approved a phased version of Concept 1A. Ms. Ownbey described the concept features, which included a two-lane median-divided road connecting to Senator Ralph Scott Parkway, with a 5' sidewalk on one side and 10' multi-use path on the other. Ms. Ownbey then closed her presentation and asked for questions.

Ms. Caddle commended the City of Mebane and acknowledged these were necessary improvements. Mr. Stober stated the importance of the project corridor and identified adjacent NCDOT STIP projects. After no additional questions or comments, Ms. Mallette requested that the TCC consider adding the project to the BGMPO CTP. Chair Trivedi asked for a motion. Ms. DeSoto made the motion to add the Lowe's Boulevard Corridor Plan to the BGMPO CTP and Ms. Caddle seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

### **NCDOT Draft CTP Maps and Project Lists**

A joint presentation was made by Ms. Mallette and NCDOT TPD staff members. Ms. Mallette said draft CTP maps and project lists were emailed to the TCC and members were requested to review their projects against NCDOT's Complete Streets guidance and provide comments by June 30th. Mr. Daryl Vreeland provided an overview of the BGMPO CTP adoption schedule. The draft CTP will be released for public comment at the August TCC meeting with a tentative adoption date of October 2021.

Mr. Stober questioned the inclusion of old projects. Mr. Vreeland said this is the time to remove unwanted projects so that the maps can be updated. NCDOT wants to ensure the CTP project maps and corresponding spreadsheets reflect local political will and interests. Chair Trivedi thanked NCDOT for their efforts and asked if he could forward the maps to DCHC MPO. Mr. Andy Bailey responded yes and added that the BGMPO CTP map and project list templates follow the recently adopted design standards. Mr. Mark Kirstner voiced his preference for the previous map design, particularly the dashed line signifying proposed projects. He also recommended NCDOT consider identifying proposed headways in CTPs.

### **Agency Reports and Updates**

*FHWA*: No updates.

*NCDOT-TPD*: Update included in agenda packets.

*NCDOT-Division 7*: Mr. Stephen Robinson presented the May Division Engineer Report and highlighted that work has begun on Mebane Oaks Road. Utility relocations and temporary signal installation will occur over the next few weeks. Mr. Robinson also stated that the bridge replacement on Huffman Mill Road south of I-40 is underway. Mr. Wright Archer added that NCDOT is aware of potential traffic impacts from construction on Mebane Oaks Road and that they are preparing mitigation strategies. Mr. Stober asked about the status of the Mebane Oaks @ Old Hillsborough Road project. Mr. Robinson responded that the project was pending utility relocations and he would contact the Project Manager to determine the status and respond to Mr. Stober.

*BGMPO*:

*Highway Safety Plan* - The BGMPO and NCDOT are still revising the Highway Safety Plan Scope of Work. The project start is anticipated for August 2021.

*P6.0* - Staff is completing P6.0 data review that includes Complete Street and Purpose and Needs forms. She requested TCC members review their Complete Streets forms included with their submittal packages and forward the BGMPO any revisions. SPOT 6.0 scores will be released late summer or early fall.

*TIP amendments* - In accordance with the Public Involvement Plan, the BGMPO will approve TIP amendments as-needed by virtual meetings when approval is needed during non-meeting months.

*CommunityViz* - Ms. Mallette encouraged the TCC to participate in the upcoming series of CommunityViz workshops hosted by PART. Ms. Mallette recommended the BGMPO partner with PART on regional land use and transportation issues.

*NC House Bill 511* - Ms. Mallette said Mr. Nathan Page requested TCC members support NC House Bill 511 that would require NCDOT to fully administer local bicycle and pedestrian projects.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, Chair Trivedi adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m. The next TCC meeting was scheduled on **August 17, 2021**.